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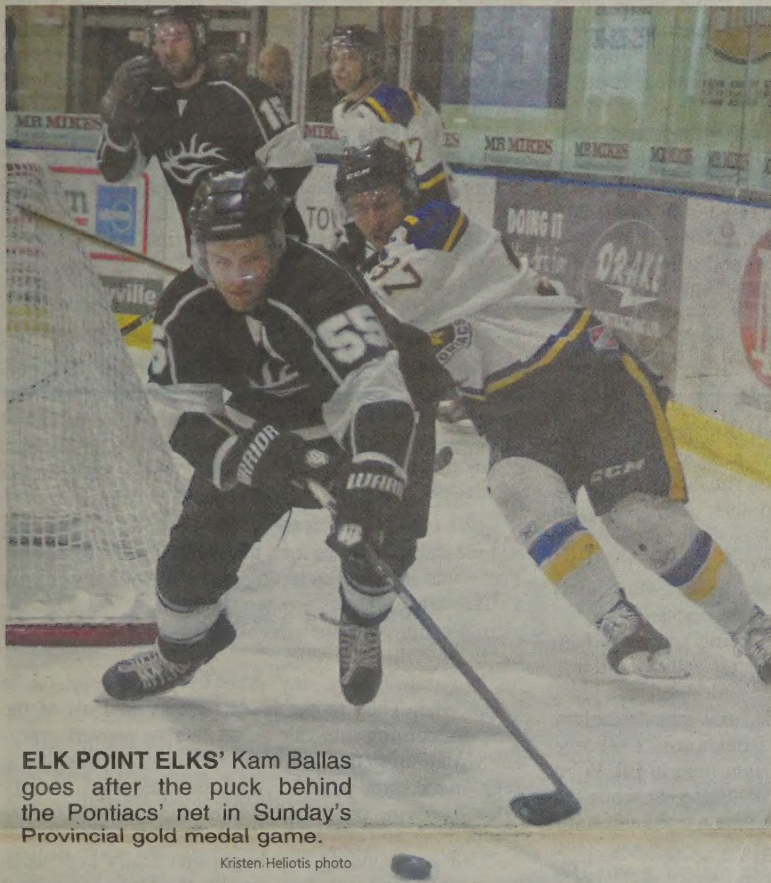
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ELK POINT ELKS' Kam Ballas goes after the puck behind the Pontiacs' net in Sunday's Provincial gold medal game.

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Silver times three for Elk Point at Provincials

VICKI BROOKER

With files from Kristen Heliotis

All three Elk Point teams that competed in Provincial hockey finals around the province came home with silver medals this weekend, one of them the senior hockey team that thought their season was over after a loss in league playdowns.

Elk Point Elks came into the Senior Men's AA Provincials in Bonnyville in a Wild Card spot, after losing to Hillmond Hitmen in the second round of the SaskAlta Hockey League finals, the Hitmen then losing to Wainwright in the third round.

The Elks won both of their A Pool round robin games, winning 3 - 0 over Daysland North Stars on Thursday night and 5 - 0 over Lethbridge Lightning Friday night to top the pool and go to the Gold Medal game against the host Bonnyville Pontiacs in the first Elks vs. Pontiacs game in decades, dating back to when an earlier generation of both teams played in the Centennial Hockey League.

Bonnyville topped the B Pool with a 5 - 2 win over Wainwright Rustlers and a 4 - 1 win over Nanton Palominos.

The gold medal game saw Bonnyville take a two-goal lead in the first frame and increase the lead to three before Kameron Ballas scored for the Elks off an assist by Scott Ward early in the second. The Pontiacs would make it 4 - 1 before Myles Whitford would score another for the Elks, assisted by Lee Letestu, nine minutes into the second period, but the Pontiacs added one more in the second and a final goal in the third to take the championship gold medals with a 6 - 2 margin, with the silver medals going to the Elks.

Paul Lafreniere was in goal for all three games, and recorded shutouts in the first two.

Myles Whitford scored two goals in Thursday night's game, one unassisted and the second assisted by Mark Brodwin, the third goal scored by Jean Guy Boisvert, assisted by Brodwin and Nick Trufal.

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Fire Department sends out urgent call for assistance

CLARE GAUVREAU

Review Staff

A shortage of volunteer firefighters available to respond to emergency calls during daytime hours has the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department sending out its own call for assistance.

Fire chief Lyle Frisby said Friday he's looking for a few good men, or women, to help bolster the number of volunteers on the roster and to ensure there's enough volunteers able to respond during daytime hours to emergency calls. The department is responsible for a 365 square mile area, including Elk Point and Divisions 1 and 2 of the County of St. Paul.

"One of the reasons we are doing the drive to try and get more members during the day is we've found it is our hardest time to get people to respond to calls. A lot of our people in the department now work shift work and are out of town but they are home in the evenings."

With 27 members on the books currently, only 17 of them are active members and, of those, only about three of them would be available to immediately respond to a week-day emergency, Frisby said. While members working out of town can be called in, it takes time for them to respond. Ideally, he'd like to see at

least six volunteers on the roster who can respond quickly during daytime hours.

Asked if the situation was critical, Frisby said it was a big concern late last year, but he's feeling more confident now.

"Before January, yeah, it was (critical). Now, it's not so bad. We've got four new members in the last month, so it's coming."

Frisby recalls an emergency call about 10 years ago in the community where there was only one person to respond. He has no desire to be in that situation again.

"It just so happened to be myself for a fire call to the apartments. When I responded it wasn't a fire, it was a water leak, but if it would have been a fire it would have been catastrophic."

With mutual aid agreements signed with surrounding fire departments, additional support is available to lend a hand to the Elk Point department but having to call in help from other jurisdictions isn't optimal when a matter of minutes can make all the difference in an emergency situation.

"It all depends on where it is, and it depends on the situation we are dealing with. Sometimes we'll work with the three people we have and bystanders and call in other departments for mutual aid."

The St. Paul Volunteer Fire Department is one of

the departments that has been called in to assist when necessary. Fire Chief Trevor Kotowich said his department has 38 volunteer members plus himself and has positioned itself to have anywhere from 12 to 15 of those volunteers ready to respond at a moment's notice during daytime hours in his jurisdiction.

While providing mutual aid to neighboring communities such as Elk Point is necessary at times, Kotowich said sending resources out of area, to the other end of the county for example, could potentially delay response times in St. Paul and area.

"Can it be problematic if we're responding all the time to other jurisdictions? Yes, it can be."

Meanwhile, Frisby said the Town of Elk Point and County of St. Paul are onside to increase that department's roster to 35.

"We were held to a 25-man roster in the past because it's a huge cost to clothe, radio, train and maintain 10 more people on the department."

Elk Point Mayor Lorne Young said last week's announcement in the St. Paul Journal and Elk Point Review from the Town of Elk Point, County of St. Paul and the fire department which described the lack of volunteer firefighters as "critical", was about the two municipalities being proactive on recruitment and was not intended to be alarmist. (Continued on Page 2)

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Avalanche teams capture two sets of silver

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

It might not have been the gold, but both the Pee wee Avalanche and Midget Avalanche made Elk Point proud this weekend, as they came home from Provincials competition with silver medals.

Pee wee Avalanche

A tie and two wins in pool competition and a semi-final win took the Elk Point Pee wee Avalanche to the championship final game of the Pee wee B Provincials in LaCrete on Sunday, but a fourth win was unfortunately out of reach, the Avs losing a 9 – 0 heartbreaker to Provost Blades to come home with silver medals.

Just reaching Provincials was a huge accomplishment for the team, who have struggled in league play all season, and their parents say they are “beyond proud” of the team, who won the Zone 2 banner by defeating St. Paul, Vegreville, CNN and Bonnyville along the way.

Those wins spurred them on to three outstanding games in the A Pool round robin at Provincials. The Avs opened the series with a 4 – 3 win over the home team La Crete Lumberjacks, Jager Fontaine scoring a pair, Konnor Poitras and Ryan Cameron adding singles, with assists by Fontaine, Ceejay Quinney and

Poitras, In Friday’s 5 – 5 tie with Rimbey Renegades, Cash Capjack scored a pair and Quinney, Fontaine and Poitras one apiece, with Fontaine, Quinney, Nick Penner and Capjack providing the assists.

Saturday saw the Avs take on Sundre Huskies, winning 7 – 5, with hat tricks for Capjack and Fontaine and one goal by goalie Vanden Moroziuk, off assists by Capjack, Quinney, Fontaine and Poitras, sending the team to the Sunday morning semi-final against Slave Lake, where Poitras scored a pair and Fontaine and Vaughn Ockerman singles, with assists from Capjack, Fontaine and Cameron, to win 4 – 1 and qualify for the final.

Midget Avlanache

Elk Point Midget Avalanche came home from Rimbey with Provincial C silver medals after a rematch with the first team they met in the playoffs unfortunately proved that history can repeat itself, a mere three days later.

The Avs met Stettler Storm on Friday, and went down to a 6 – 2 defeat at the hands of the Zone 7 champions, with Brody Odgaard, assisted by Nick Anderson, and Warren Ference, assisted by Anderson and Charlie Rogal, scoring for the Avalanche.

Their second game on Friday went much better, with a 7 – 5 win over Blackfalds Bulldogs, with Alex Hunter

and Hayden Ludlage scoring a pair each and Rogal a single, with assists coming from Odgaard, Ference, Hunter, Charlie Rogal, Austin Axley, Chad Poitras and Cyle Graus. Saturday’s game against Bassano Outlaws ended in a 4 – 4 tie, Anderson, Hunter, Odgaard and Abe Neufeld scoring the Avalanche goals off assists by Poitras, Ludlage and Hunter to send them to the semi-finals, where they swept past Westlock Warriors 5 – 0, with Hunter scoring the first goal of the game in the second period, and Ludlage scoring two and Odgaard and Axley singles in the third, assisted by Anderson, Ference, Hunter and Ludlage.

The final against Stettler was unique in that not a single penalty was recorded on the website game sheet. Hunter opened the scoring less than two and a half minutes into the game, assisted by Axley and Poitras, but Stettler scored three in the balance of that period and another in the second before Elk Point could add another, this one by Odgaard, unassisted. Another Stettler goal was answered by Anderson, unassisted, and Hunter, assisted by Wolke Cueva and Hank Rogal, before Stettler’s goalie locked the door and kept the Avs at bay while his teammates slammed four more past the Avalanche netminder, for a final score of 9 – 4.

Elks

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Matthew Boulianne scored a pair in the third period of Friday’s game, one unassisted and one assisted by Scott Ward, with singles coming from Devin Moneta, assisted by Brent Bacque and Kam Ballas, Ryley Wozniak, assisted by John Schmitt and Nathan Rosychuk, and Kam Ballas, assisted by Whitford.

“We came in not really expected to do a whole lot, and we did a lot more than that so you can’t complain. You come in as an underdog and you walk away with a silver medal; heads are held high and we can’t complain too much,” Elks coach Jordon Krankowsky told the Bonnyville Nouvelle.

“We didn’t have any pressure in comparison to Bonnyville. They’re the hosts so they had all of the pressure coming into this game. We’ve proved everyone wrong up to this point and the message was just to keep on the same page, keep on the same track, and try to keep proving people wrong and showing that we are competitive and can play with the top teams.”

“Our goal tending was huge; that really kept us in more often than not. Structurally the boys committed and did what I asked. When the plan was set up we executed pretty well and it shows when a team just executes a little bit better and that’s how you become victorious.”

“From start to finish this season, it’s night and day difference and there’s no words to even describe how proud I am of the boys and everyone involved.”

Firefighters

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“Not an overstatement in that if there is a call and we are lacking members to be able to respond to it, that I guess makes it critical. If we are ever in a situation when we don’t have sufficient members to respond to a call, that is a problem,” Young said. “We didn’t want to create alarm, we want to be proactive and see if there are people out there that have an interest in joining our department and can bolster our roster. Elk Point has always had an active fire department and I’m sure that we will pick up a few new members.”

Provincial medals first in 20+ years

The time has come. A fact is a fact. And no one can take them back!! Elk Point has finally won a provincial medal in hockey. This is the first time in over 20 years. And not just one, not two, but three. All of them silver medals. In the early 2000s, some of our Elk Point boys won a provincial gold medal playing for a team carded in Dewberry. At the time we never had enough bantam players to ice a team so we joined forces. Murray Cochrane coached that team. Murray is now the manager/coach of the Elks senior team. They just won the Senior AA provincial silver medal in Bonnyville this past Sunday, knocking out Daysland and Lethbridge. The final was against the host Bonnyville senior team that plays in an AA league. Our SaskAlta league is considered A senior hockey. So I would say Murray and the boys made us proud!

The last and only gold medal for Elk Point minor hockey was won in 1995, our bantam team winning right here at home. Before that it was 1986 when the Elk Point pee wee team won a silver medal. This year’s pee wee head coach James Capjack played on that 1986 pee wee team. This year his team was small but mighty. They won the Zone and travelled nine hours up to La Crete and battled hard to get to the final. In the final they met up with Provost, who won the

Zone 7 to be at the tournament, but are also the top team in their tier one North East League, the same league the Pee wee Avalanche played in. Provost of course would win the gold. Great job by everyone on the team and the coaching staff for making us proud!



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BASSETT
Review Sports

The Midget Avalanche won a silver medal too. They played down in Rimbey and played in the Midget C provincials. Seven players off this team played their last minor hockey game in the final, goalie Spencer ‘Fortress’ Harcastle, Chad ‘Pickpocket’ Poitras, ‘Awesome Alex’ Hunter, Brody ‘the Big O’ Odgaard, ‘Warrior Warren’ Ference, Kyle ‘Grinder’ Graus and Austin ‘Astro’ Axley. Some tears from their moms for sure, and you can bet a few dads too. All of them really good boys, from good families and we will miss them. I’m very proud of you guys. But who knows, maybe in a few years, or even next year, they will suit up for Murray and the Senior Elks.

Having looked at the stats from both tournaments, I see that in the pee wee tournament, Jager Fontaine

had the most points over all with 16, and Cash finished in fourth overall. In the midget tournament, Nick Anderson finished fourth over all with 11 points, Alex was fifth and Hayden was sixth. Considering that they played against the best in the province, I think that shows we’re on the right track.

Talk about being proud! Before I go, I must brag a bit about my granddaughter. Although she lives in Bonnyville, my granddaughter Heaven ‘the Brickhouse’ Colborne got her start right here in Elk Point with the Storm. This year when the Storm couldn’t ice a team she started playing goalie with Lakeland Jaguars female midget team. Her team represented Zone 2 this past weekend in the midget female provincial tournament up in Lac La Biche. They won all four games in the round robin, ‘Brickhouse’ played incredible, in net for two of those games. She didn’t play the semi final game, which they lost out in double overtime to Whitecourt, but she certainly was one of the reasons they got there. Heaven ended up with the second best save percentage in the tournament with a .925 over 14 goalies.

Happy Birthday going out today, Tuesday to bantam and midget assistant coach Greg Van Maarion.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week. “The human spirit will overcome any obstacle in the way of a dream.” - Unknown

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Annual meetings for Library Board, Friends

BY VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Friends of Elk Point Municipal Library and the Elk Point Municipal Library Board held back-to-back annual meetings on Thursday, as they set their sights on a new year of operation.

Friends of the Library chairman Sherry Milholland reported "a good year in 2017. We had six bingos and cleared \$7,500 and we were lucky enough to get a very generous CIP Grant for \$11,760. Plus our kind and beautiful Royal Purple ladies donated a total of \$4,000."

The money was put to very good use, Milholland said.

"The CIP Grant was a matching grant for replacing our furnace, air conditioner and hot water heater. We spent over \$9,000 on books, magazines and badly needed new computers. We also put \$3,800 in 2017 on new mobile shelving, plus a further \$3,600 this year."

After taking the board on a tour of the new shelving, Milholland explained that while the shelving units were expensive, "they are very convenient and very mobile, meaning we can quickly convert the area into a large space for meetings, demonstrations, author readings and a breakfast nook for the Canada Day traditional pancake breakfast rainstorms." The Friends plan to eventually replace more shelving.

The Friends' problem is funding. Their main income is from bingos and casinos, and they do not have another casino until 2020. Bingo revenues will "just about cover" the books and magazines purchased each year, but will not stretch to cover any major expenditures, Milholland said, as she asked for any new ideas for fundraising.

"Our library is a vibrant, busy and welcoming place," she concluded. "It is an asset to the town and surrounding community. The Friends have done much to make it that way, and we hope to continue doing our part."

The Friends' executive will stay in place for another year, with the addition of Debra McQuinn as recording secretary.

Library Board chair Laverne Wilson thanked the Friends on behalf of the Board for their valuable contributions to the library and its operation.

Library Board

Both Wilson and library manager Daphne Schnurer also presented annual reports as the Library Board's annual meeting got underway.

Wilson reported on "a year of change in our board, as a result of the fall election which saw new appointments from our supporting town and county jurisdictions, and some resignations. For those who left our Board, our thanks for your time and input to the library operations and for those who are new, welcome to the Board."

The Friends of the Library and their contributions were once again commended, and Wilson expressed "our appreciation for this group and their volunteers who raised funds through seniors' teas, bingos and a casino. It was their way to show sense of community to assist the town in maintaining their facility and to help make our community and library 'The Right Place to Be.'"

Regarding the 2017 budget, Wilson said, "we were able to meet our goals with a small carryover for 2018."

He concluded his report with thanks on behalf of the Board to all the patrons, volunteers and Friends of

the Library.

Library manager Daphne Schnurer called the library "the cornerstone of our community, where information and membership are free and equally available to everyone. This year, we focused on increasing our programs, maintaining our level of service and marketing the library."

Public computer use, instruction in basic computer skills, resume and employment assistance and online courses all continue to increase, she said.

"These are accessed through staff, volunteers and online programs. We also focused on marketing materials to assist with literacy and foundational learning, such as our collection of high interest, low vocabulary books, which are excellent for patrons learning English or people who struggle with literacy."

Schnurer said the library was excited to welcome Elk Point Early Childhood Development Council to the library, "and we appreciated the opportunity to form a partnership that has numerous benefits for both parties."

The library's partnership with surrounding Indigenous communities is steadily growing, and Schnurer noted that, "we support and promote all the partnerships we can create to continue to provide learning opportunities in our community. As our community has experienced tremendous change, it becomes important and increasingly challenging to continue to meet the demand in these areas. My staff and I look forward to the experiences and rewards of 2018."

The Library Board executive, with Wilson as chair, Sherry Milholland as vice chair, Schnurer as recording secretary and Verona Lea Flanders as treasurer, was returned by acclamation for another term.

Interagency Health updated on staffing

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Interagency Health and Wellness Committee was assured that all is well at Elk Point Healthcare Centre at this time, with an adequate nursing staff in place and laboratory renovations almost complete.

Integrated site manager Kristen Peleshok told the committee that a locum registered nurse is there until April to assist the current staff members and she is putting in a request for two more locums to fill the gap as staff takes vacation time, with the vacation schedule now being planned. She also has two more RNs for casual relief if needed. Two 0.7 positions for nursing attendants in the acute care department have been approved. The centre's staff also includes "lots of LPNs," she noted. Long term care staffing is in good shape, with cross training still underway, and there is a 0.66 position for a RN available in home care.

The laboratory renovations and enlargement are "almost done. They moved in March 6 and are using it, there are just a few minute things to be done before accreditation."

Peleshok inquired if any progress had been made on renovations for the locum suite, and said the RN locums aren't happy with the current condition of the accommodation. Mayor Lorne Young said he had spoken with the Elks Lodge, with that group wanting to know what process must be followed for them to be involved. Peleshok agreed to talk to Alberta Health Services (AHS) and determine the approval process.

The status of handi van drivers was also questioned, and it has been determined that the Parkview van is purely for recreational use, driven by the recreation staff, and cannot be used for patient transport to appointments, under the AHS mandate.

Other members of the committee also gave updates.

County of St. Paul Coun. Darrell Youngmans, whose colleagues were mostly at the Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties conference and had taken with them a resolution regarding the need for more crown prosecutors, said the county is concerned with the Provincial budget and what it could bring about. The Intermunicipal Development Plans and Intermunicipal

Collaboration Framework "are going to take a lot of elected officials' time," he noted. "Getting people talking is great, especially on the economic development side." The county is also working on firefighter recruitment for Elk Point, the airport lighting upgrade and ambulance service, and is also working on letters regarding doctor recruitment.

Crystal Brodziak of Public Health spoke on communicable disease concerns, and said, "if you hear about issues, come back to Public Health, if you have questions, give me a call, and the same goes for head lice. There's a new video on that on the myhealth.alberta.ca website." She said flu season ends March 31 and there are still lots of hospitalizations for both the A and B strains. "It's been a bad year, and we can't determine until after the end of the year if the flu shots made a difference. Education is huge, and immunization may not be a priority for those needing support and for high risk people."

Terry Shankowski reported that the County of St. Paul and Elk Point FCSS are "right in the middle of taxes, and this isn't just for seniors, it's for anyone making \$30,000 or less, and they can

bring their information in any time." She also spoke on the series of 12 bus tours being planned for seniors for the coming year, funded by a New Horizons for Seniors grant.

Levina Ewasiuk is "not letting go of the need for garages for the seniors' residences," but is also concerned with fraud warnings, the last scams involving a major department store and with Facebook information being compromised. "It's a major concern for seniors."

Mayor Young brought information from the Town and said council is writing letters regarding doctor recruitment and the need for a second ambulance, and is also involved in recruiting firefighters. He was also concerned with the implications of the provincial budget, he said.

The garages at seniors' residences "has been brought up at the MD of St. Paul Foundation meetings, but a paint job runs over budget. We've been meeting with a group interested in building seniors' villas with garages. It really comes down to money, and the province doesn't see garages as a core service."

The next Interagency Health and Wellness meeting was set for May 22.



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EDITORIAL

We're a hockey town too!

One of the draw prizes at the March 15 to 18 Bantam Hockey Provincials contained Ron MacLean's book, 'Hockey Towns: Untold Stories from the Heart of Canada.' Elk Point isn't in that book, but communities from Castlegar, BC to Trois Rivières PQ are, and every one of them has a story.

We could tell MacLean a few more, about the people that made out community the hub of hockey action it is today, with one team hosting Provincials last week and three others representing us well at other Provincial championships this weekend.

We could have told him about the sweat equity that built the A. G. Ross Arena, and the ongoing efforts that have kept it going all these years, sometimes operating on a shoestring, sometimes writing endless grant applications to enlarge the structure, sometimes dealing with emergencies such as rain pouring through a roof stripped for repairs or the Zamboni going on the fritz with the hockey season in full swing. We could tell him how proud we are of NHL star Mark Letestu, who honed his minor hockey skills here, and how the late Jim Vinge and the late Mike Boratyniec, whose jerseys hang in the AGR lobby, helped to foster a love of the sport in local youth. And we could have told him about all the volunteers who spend the winter at the arena, all for the love of the game.

No question about it: We are a hockey town.

YOUR VIEWS

Are the NDP really on board for rural crime initiatives?

To the Editor:

In spring of 2017, the Alberta NDP introduced the largest deficit budget in Alberta history: over \$54 billion. Less than a year later, guess what, the NDP ran out of money, again. Last week they introduced a supplementary supply budget asking for roughly \$1.3 billion. This request was just to cover their own inability to manage a budget, despite an astronomically huge deficit. There are some who are concerned that the UCP is opposed to some of the items included in this last-minute supply budget, like funding for rural crime initiatives. But this could not be further from the truth.

Here are the facts: my colleagues and I, along with our federal Conservative counterparts, have set up numerous meetings and town halls all across Alberta since the increase in rural crime became a significant issue. We also requested an emergency debate in the Legislature last fall, which was immediately shot down by the NDP (my NDP colleague, Colin Piquette, supported the government's rejection of our very important motion). We have been raising the issue of rural crime in the legislature for over a year, and now to justify their own overspending, they finally want to get on board.

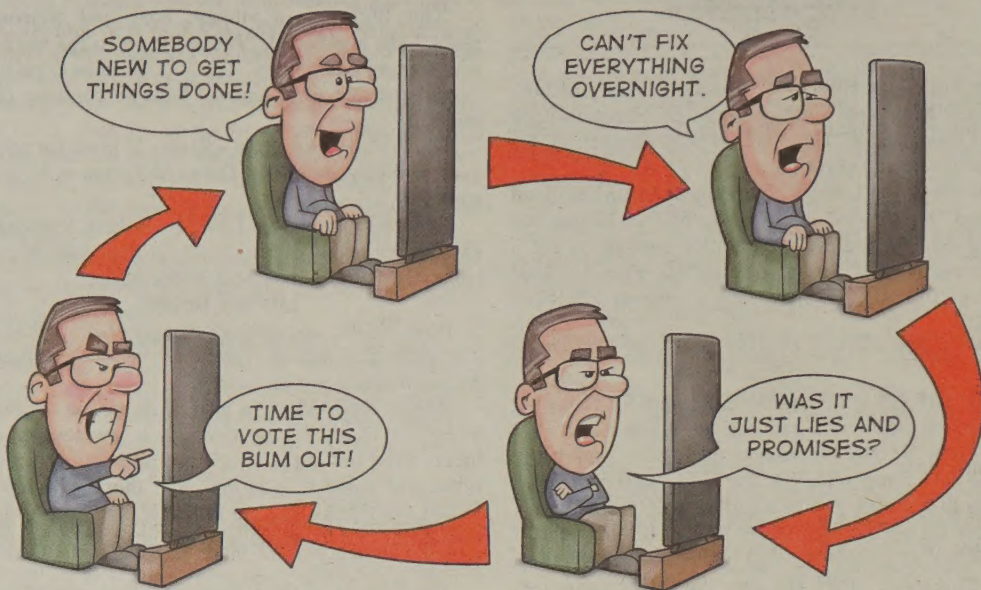
Unfortunately, the NDP insist on playing politics with this very critical issue, and that's why we refused to endorse a blank check for this out-of-control government.

If Mr. Piquette and the NDP are truly concerned about rural crime, maybe they should consider attending any of the many rural crime town halls and meetings being held throughout Alberta. Their continued absence is being noted by voters.

Dave Hanson, MLA



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WAY BACK WHEN...

Provincial medals, Bull Chutin', serious about station

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26 IN...

1988

Elk Point Skating Club's Katharina Ludlage won Pre-Novice gold and Tobey Conrad Preliminary Ladies bronze at provincial competition, as well as a thunderous ovation from the crowd at the 12th annual ice carnival. Zone-winning Elk Point Windsor Midgets, coached by Troy Lorensen and Murray Scoggins, were off to provincial competition in Valleyview.

1993

Elk Point Minor Hockey Association founding president Ray Hellquist dropped the puck and Tyson Stafford took the face-off for the Elk Point Thunder as Elk Point hosted the Midget 'C' Provincials. Elk Point chamber of commerce members would soon be able to access a full schedule of government tenders through the INET computer linkup.

1998

An enthusiastic capacity crowd saw 29 top bullriders take on 37 rank bulls from two of northeast Alberta's top stock contractors at the Bull Chutin' Classic. Elk Point Chamber of Commerce finally had a full executive, with John Yettaw, originally elected vice president, moving up to take the president's chair, and Victor Stepa taking the vice presidency, Diane Balash remaining as treasurer and past president Vicki Brooker taking over as secretary from Kelly Hovdestad, who resigned due to work issues.

2003

"Grease" was the word at the Elk Point Skating Club's annual carnival, as skaters performed to the music of John Travolta and Olivia Newton John's classic portrayal of the 1950s. Health Region No. 7 CEO Bob Cable and board chair Bob Jackson put rumors of health centre closure to rest when they met

with the Elk Point Interagency Health Committee. 2008

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce agreed that it was time to get serious about their train station project and fine-tuned an application for a grant that would fund half the project. Over 100 junior high students from across the St. Paul Regional School Division No. 1 took part in a communications showcase at F. G. Miller High School, presenting skits, monologues, poems, stories and more.

2013

A Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council meeting, relocated and rescheduled due to heavy snowfall, would give Elk Point and surrounding areas an opportunity to get answers to their questions about Elk Point Health Care Centre and its staffing issues, which caused most acute care beds to be closed down.



DUSTYN PANKIW accepted the Alex Kurash Memorial trophy from Doug Bassett at the Elk Point Minor Hockey awards, after a judging process that considered peewee players' promotion of the sport, positive attitude, striving for improvement of skills and coachability.

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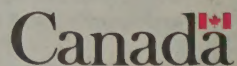
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Skaters 'Turn Up the Radio' at 2018 Carnival

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Elk Point Skating Club had a huge and enthusiastic crowd on hand for their annual ice carnival on Sunday, with this year's theme, "Turn Up the Radio" taking listeners back through the decades and turning the dial to a variety of musical genres as both local and guest skaters performed their numbers.

It's not April yet, but the first group, StarSkaters Keanna Radcliffe, Chyanne Fisher, Kaylee Radcliffe, Brooklyn Devries, Robin Koren, Hailey Danyluk, Olivia Youngchief, Rian Skarsen and Summer Swedgan were ready for the showers, donning ponchos and unfurling umbrellas as they skated to "Singing in the Rain" before making a quick change to dark attire as the music changed to "Feel the Thunder."

The next number was positively Smurf-y, as PreCanskaters Tor Aarbo, Stetson Reynolds, Aspy Kelly, Ava Letawsky and Thomas Morris, in blue with towering white headgear, performed a Smurfs routine.

Three of Elk Point's hockey teams were at locations around the province for Provincials, but four members of the Power Skating group, Remington Reynolds, Carson Smith, Lennox St. Arnault and Anton Bezplachuk, demonstrated skills making it very clear that these provincials are far from our last, as they whizzed around the arena under the leadership of Raif Evans-Anderson.

Kaylee Radcliffe was the first StarSkate soloist of

the day, skating to "Never Killed Nobody."

Canskaters Jan Denver Apigo, Paynton Skarsen, Delaney Swedgan, Tamilore Oyeboode, Bella Pinette, Alexis Danyluk, Sarah Joy Guerzon and Julia Farrell took the audience back to the 1950s as they skated their routine to "Rock Around the Clock."

Alberta Winter Games silver medalist Amber Mica of Edmonton was this year's guest skater, performing her first number of the afternoon to a peppy jazz tune.

Keanna Radcliffe and Chyanne Fisher chose "Barbie Girl" as the accompaniment for their fast-paced duet.

Another special treat was in store for the audience prior to the intermission, as the 10-member Lloydminster Border Edges Synchronized Skating Team, which includes Elk Point's skating coach Rebecca Zajic, entertained with their perfectly timed, rhythmic routine to the "Moana" theme.

Chyanne Fisher opened the second half of the show with her solo to "Crazy" before Canskaters Paynton Skarsen, Tor Aarbo, Delaney Swedgan, Stetson Reynolds and Aspy Kelly, dressed in medieval attire, took the audience to the land of "Knights and Princess Knights" with their number.

Topped by neon coloured wigs and wearing short skirts and high boots, the trio of Kaylee Radcliffe, Brooklyn Devries and Robin Koren made their point that "These Boots Are Made for Walking," as they went through their paces.

The other Canskaters, Jan Denver Apigo, Tamilore Oyeboode, Bella Pinette, Alexis Danyluk, Sarah Joy

Guerzon and Julia Farrell, entertained with "YMCA" before Keanna Radcliffe took over the spotlight with her solo, "Perfect."

Juniors Hailey Danyluk, Olivia Youngchief, Rian Skarsen and Summer Swedgan presented an on-ice version of the "Cotton-Eyed Joe", followed by guest skater Amber Mica with her pre-novice long program number.

The Senior skaters, Keanna Radcliffe, Chyanne Fisher, Kaylee Radcliffe, Brooklyn Devries and Robin Koren, wound up the performances with "Havana" before all the skaters were called back onto the ice for the Grand Finale and presentations.

Kelly Radcliffe thanked executive members Kim Wallington and Melissa Skarsen, coach Rebecca Zajic, power skating coach Dennell Anderson and program assistants Keanna and Kaylee Radcliffe, Kaiden and Raif Evans-Anderson for their part in a successful season, noting that another program assistant, Catherine Nofall, was not at the carnival because she was attending a StarSkate championship competition in Spruce Grove this weekend. Thanks also went to the guest skater and the synchronized skating team.

Then came the awards, with certificates presented by Dennell Anderson to Carson Smith, Pre Power, Jan Denver Apigo and Aspy Kelly, CanSkate, Summer Swedgan, Junior StarSkate, and Rian Skarsen, Senior StarSkate, while coach Rebecca Zajic presented the 2018 CanSkate Award for the Northeast Region to Paynton Skarsen.



A SWIRL of StarSkaters perform their Rain and Thunder number.



COACHES AND ASSISTANTS - Kaiden Evans-Anderson, Dennell Anderson, Raif Evans-Anderson, Kaylee and Keanna Radcliffe and Rebecca Zajic.



AWARD WINNERS (left to right) Rian Skarsen, Summer Swedgan, Carson Smith, Jan Denver Apigo, Aspy Kelly and Paynton Skarsen.



HEAD COACH Rebecca Zajic leads the Canskate crew in 'YMCA', above. At left, the Lloydminster Border Edges Synchronized Skating Team performs to the 'Moana' theme.

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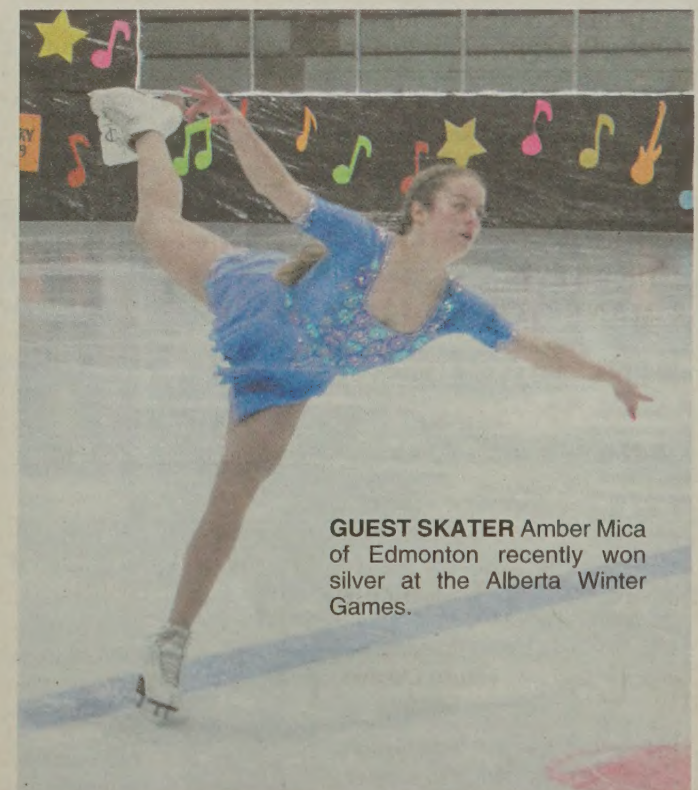
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Quilters mark their day by helping others



STITCH SESSION - The Thursday quilters helped out their Tuesday counterparts, who have completed 28 quilts so far this year.



ELK POINT FURTHER ED'S Thursday Play Day turned into an all-out sewing bee on March 15, as the ladies who usually drop by to work on their own projects celebrated National Quilting Day by helping out the Tuesday quilt group, who sew quilts for the less fortunate, as they added backs and bindings to the quilt tops the Tuesday group had pieced together. Further stitching sessions are planned for April 19 and May 17.

It was also a day to show off the Brown Bag Challenge projects made from items found in bags distributed at last spring's windup potluck, with the results ranging from wall hangings to aprons, bags and a full size quilt to Connie Mahon's hen and its oversized egg, at left.



HELPING HANDS - Sharon Kuhn and Millie Orr, above, and Rosemary Rohner, below, stitch their way through a stack of charity quilts.





ELK POINT
The Right People, The Right Time

PRESS RELEASE



RE: RECRUITING DRIVE FOR THE ELK POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Throughout the upcoming year, the County of St. Paul, Town of Elk Point and the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department are teaming up for a recruiting campaign for volunteer fire fighters.

In the past, the Elk Point Fire Department conducted its own recruiting drive. This year, by combining efforts with the Town and County, we hope to better promote the Elk Point Fire Department as well as the serious need for volunteer fire fighters.

The County of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point jointly oversee the Elk Point Fire Department. There are currently fewer than ten active members in the Elk Point Fire Department. Ideally, we would like to see that number around twenty for an area of our size.

The Elk Point Fire District services the Town of Elk Point, the Hamlets of Lindbergh, Riverview and Heinsburg as well as the Divisions 1 & 2 in the County of St. Paul. The Fire District services approximately three thousand residents.

The department has seen increases in the number of calls over the years particularly to attend motor vehicle collisions. Like many fire departments across Alberta it is difficult to find volunteers in smaller rural communities. In Elk Point's situation many of the current volunteers work outside of the community and are unable to respond to calls during the day.

The situation in the Elk Point region is critical. Without a fully staffed fire department, it would require a minimum twenty to thirty-minute response time for the St. Paul Fire Department to respond. There are potentially some additional consequences for resident if the Elk Point Fire Department cannot increase staffing. For example, insurance premiums are negatively affected by the distance a dwelling or structure is from a fire hall. It is in the best interest of area residents to become engaged and volunteer.

The County and Town strongly encourage local businesses in the region to allow their employees who are volunteer fire fighters the time off work to respond to calls. One day it may be your home or business on fire or a motor vehicle accident you or your family is involved in that requires emergency services.

Some of the basic requirements for volunteer fire fighters include:

- Must be eighteen years of age or older
- Have a valid class 5 driver's license
- Be in good health and physically fit
- Live in the response area

Anyone interested in volunteering their time is welcome to call the County Office at (780) 645-3301 ext. 204, the Town of Elk Point Office at (780) 645-3810, or the Elk Point Fire Chief at (780) 614-8534.

Interested parties are also welcoming to attend Fire Practice on Mondays at 7:00 pm at the Elk Point Fire Hall.

Town of Elk Point Mayor: Lorne Young
Reeve County of St. Paul: Steve Upham
Elk Point Fire Chief: Lyle Frisby

FARMLAND / RECREATIONAL LAND FOR SALE BY TENDER

The owners hereby offer the following parcels of land located near the Town of Elk Point, Alberta, for sale by tender, subject only to the existing reservations on title:

- 1) Pt. NE 10-57-6-W4 (126.02 acres) \$4,500 in annual surface lease
- 2) NW 10-57-6-W4 (159.88 acres) \$100 in annual surface lease as well as active gravel pit.
- 3) NW 21-57-6-W4 (159.88 acres) \$7,150 in annual surface lease
- 4) SW 21-57-6-W4 (160.00 acres) \$2,000 in annual surface lease

The land is located approximately 5 km northeast of Elk Point, Alberta near Moosehills Lake.

The subject properties contain a total of 605.78 titled acres. The properties are a mix of open pasture land and treed areas. There is a developed gravel pit in the southeast corner of Pt. NE 10 and the remains of an older excavation site in the southeast corner of the NW 10. The properties also contain a number of surface lease sites and an abandoned building site on the SW 21.

Tenders are to be submitted in sealed envelopes marked *O'Kane Tender*, and mailed to Rick and Colleen Penner, PO Box 1704, Claresholm, Alberta, T0L 0T0.

No conditional tenders will be accepted and the highest, or any tender, will not necessarily be accepted.

Tenders will be opened at noon on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 and will not be opened in public. Only the successful tenderers will be contacted. Please consider the time it will take for your tender to arrive via Canada Post or arrange alternative delivery to owner.

The successful tenderer shall be obligated to provide a 10% non-refundable deposit which will be wired to the owner within 72 hours of notification of the successful bid.

The 10% deposit shall constitute a deposit towards the purchase price. Taxes will be adjusted on closing date. There will be no other adjustments.

**For further information,
please contact Rick or Colleen Penner at
(403) 643-2167 or (403) 625-6626.**